

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this section is for the public utilities commission to determine whether the construction of electric transmission facilities should be designated to receive priority processing by state agencies. The process seeking priority status will be initiated by a transmission developer. State agencies, at the direction of executive order from the Governor, will develop the functional role related to priority status at the state level.

This designation does not impact the decision-making role of local units of government as it relates to their current responsibilities associated with transmission siting. This legislation recognizes the critical need for transmission infrastructure in Idaho as it relates to economic growth and sustainability, energy security, and the broader public interest.

FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impact.

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